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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 13-21 and 1011 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/14/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: ***

On page 5, line 22, "wheel protrusions 48" should be "wheel protrusions 46".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wark 5,901,887 in view of Kasting 7,121,437.

Wark shows a dispenser body 18 and a locating member 13 screw joined to a container. Wark lacks the dispenser body being uni-directionally coupled to the locating member. Kasting shows a body 56 uni-directionally coupled to a locating member 54 so as to act as a ratchet thereby only permitting the member 54 and body 56 to rotate in one direction (column 5, lines 49-53). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have substituted the coupling of the Wark body and member with a ratchet as taught by Kasting to permit the member and body to rotate in one direction only.

Re claims 6 and 17 the Wark/Kasting apparatus discloses the claimed invention except for specific size of the screw threads of the locating member. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify Wark/Kasting locating member

having different size threads for different size containers, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change in size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 7-11 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wark in view of Kasting as applied to claims 1 and 13 above, and further in view of Magsaysay et al UK 2,025,379.

The Wark/Kasting apparatus lacks the dispenser body dispensing discrete volumes including a moveable metering chamber and control member. Magsaysay et al show a dispenser body including a moveable metering chamber 8 and control member 9 to dispense a predetermined amount of fluid (column 1, lines 15-19). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified the Wark/Kasting dispenser body including a moveable metering chamber and control member as taught by Magsaysay et al to dispense a predetermined amount of fluid.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHILIPPE S. DERAKSHANI whose telephone number is 571-272-4925. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 hour days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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